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GAME MACHINE, METHOD OF CONTROLLING OPERATION OF THE GAME MACHINE, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON OPERATION CONTROL PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE GAME

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